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MICHAEL GAFFNEY,	:
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Plaintiff,	:
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-against-	:
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MUHAMMAD ALI ENTERPRISES LLC, et al.,	:
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Defendants.	:
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No. 18-CV-8770 (GBD) (OTW)
<u>ORDER</u>

The Court is in receipt of the Rule 26(f) report filed by defendants unilaterally because plaintiff's attorneys did not respond to defendants' counsel regarding the report. (ECF 36).

Parties and counsel are reminded that per the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 26 that parties must confer. Parties are directed to **file a joint Rule 26(f) report on April 15, 2020 after they meet and confer about the discovery plan.** If, for any reason, parties cannot file a joint Rule 26(f) report, parties shall file a status letter instead.

Nothing in this Order prevents the parties from seeking to further modify the pretrial

schedule in light of the COVID-19 pandemic (or for any other good cause). Before seeking such relief, the parties must, as always, meet and confer (via remote means) in a good faith effort to reach agreement on how best to fulfill the goals of Rule 1 while avoiding unnecessary health risks. If any party or counsel has any private, personal, familial or medical concerns that they need to share with the Court that would necessitate further orders, they may email Wang_NYSDChambers@nysd.uscourts.gov *ex parte* provided that they advise the other parties that they will be contacting the Court *ex parte*.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 25, 2020
New York, New York

s/ Ona T. Wang

Ona T. Wang
United States Magistrate Judge